	*Value
1982-83	225.6
1983-84	225.6
1984-85	245.8
1985-86	274.3
1986-87	274.3
1987-88	274.3
1988-89	274.3

*Gold valued at Rs. 53.58 per 10 grams upto May 1966 and at Rs. 84.39 per 10 grams thereafter.

Development of food processing industry

428. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to develop food processing industries and for that purpose have recently formulated any scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) With the objective of development of food processing industries Government have set up the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. Some of the major steps taken since setting up of this Ministry for giving a boost to the development of food processing industries include:—

(i) Placement of food procesing industries in Appendix-I with the exception of milk foods, malted foods and flour and subject to reservation for small scale industries;

(ii) Allowing the facility of broad banding to all food processing industries except malted foods and flour and those items reserved for Small Scale Industries;

(iii) Formation of Nodal Agencies of State Governments for coordinating the activities connected with food processing industries;

(iv) Formation of Development Councils to advise the Ministry in the development of food processing industries;

(v) Granting of fiscal reliefs to the food processing industries.

Export of Cotton

429. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the export quota of cotton in view of the increased production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) In view of the increased production of cotton during the current cotton year, this Government has already increased the export quota to 3 lakh bales of long Staple (28 mm and above), 2 lakh bales of Extra Long Staple (34.5 mm and above) and 1 lakh bales of Bengal Deshi cotton as against the quota of only 1 lakh bales each of ELS and Bengal Desi cotton during the previous year. Release of further quota would depend on the availability of exportable surplus and the impact on prices.

SYL Canal

430. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan of action is proposed to expedite the work on the SYL Canal; and

(b) if so, the target date by which the work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES